



A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 16, 2025 // 10am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Tim Staal

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

All: We have gathered together to celebrate and sing.

One: Let the waters roar, and the forests resound with song.

All: Let the wind whisper, and the creatures sigh.

One: Let the thunder roll, and the wolves howl.

All: Let the crickets chime, and the soft rain fall on the leaves.

One: Let everything that breathes praise God!

All: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

One: Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (Vs. 1-4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

**Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.* _____

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, you made the world full of beauty and goodness, and you call us to care for it and one another. We confess that we often fall short. We focus on ourselves and neglect the needs of others. We lose sight of your joy and purpose for us. Forgive us, God. Renew us by your Spirit so that we may live with gratitude and hope, joining in the work you are doing in the world. Amen.

KYRIE

Cantor:	Congregation (echo)	<i>Translation</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Christe eleison.	Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI #581

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

You Have Made Me Glad

All: I will enter your gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter your courts with praise!
I will say this is the day that our God has made,
I will rejoice for you have made me glad!

You have made me glad! You have made me glad!
I will rejoice for you have made me glad! (x2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

SONG *Psalm 126 (Insert)*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

***HYMN** #74 *When God Restored Our Common Life*

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

***DOXOLOGY** #606

All: Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

All: Generous God,
you have filled us with joy and surrounded us with grace.
Receive these gifts as a sign of our trust in you.
Bless what we offer—our money, our time, our love—
so that your mercy may echo through this community
and into the world you so love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Some choose to begin this prayer, “Our Creator,” “Our Mother,” or “Our Parent.”

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN** #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** #853 *We are Marching in the Light of God* (vs. 4)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Rev. Cathy Hoop, Beth Magennis,
Tim Staal, Liz Hoffswell, Rose Gifford, FPC Choir.

Thanks to: Sound and Video team, Greeter and Usher team, Bus Drivers,
M&M Café Providers, Nursery Care Providers

Our worshipping community extends beyond our sanctuary.

Let us hold in our prayers the following members:

Ellen Cuthbertson – Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids
Lenore & Gordon DePree – Farmstead Assisted Living
Dean Effken – Riley's Grove in Zeeland
Meriem Elwell – Freedom Village
Bill Evenson - Home
Judy & Jack Faber – Farmstead Assisted Living
Mickey & Neal Harris - home
JoAnn Karn – MediLodge (Rm 204)
Marianne & David McBeth - home
Jeanine Roberts – Home
Carolyn Russell – Resthaven Maplewoods

Phil Sturdevant – Resthaven Care Center
Mary Ann & Mike Van Houzen - Home
Sue & Don Williams - Freedom Village
Ron Williams – Michigan Veteran's Home,
Grand Rapids

If you know of someone who should be
added to this list, please contact the
church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wired Word // Adult education meets after worship on Sunday at 11:15 am in the Michigan Room. Join us for conversations around current events as we consider them through the lens of faith and scripture. To receive the lesson ahead of time, contact Cathy (cathy@fpcholland.org). This class is also offered on Zoom.

Confirmation Class Meals // Our Confirmation class continues to meet over the next few months on Sunday afternoon from 12-1:30pm. We have three confirmands and their mentors - a group of seven, including Pastor Paul. **We're inviting members of the congregation to provide a meal for the group** - either by bringing something from home or picking up takeout. It's a simple but meaningful way to support our youth and their mentors as they grow in faith together. If you'd like to provide a meal, please sign up at the Outreach Desk.

Chorus of Generosity // As part of our Stewardship Season, please remember to pick up your envelope if you have not already done so. We encourage you reflect on generosity through the giving of your resources of time and money. We will collect your pledge card on Sunday November 23 during our hymn sign celebration. Feel free to drop it off at the church office if that is easier for you.

Grief Support // Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, the Grief Support Group will meet on Wednesday, November 19th at 2:00 in the Superior Room. All are welcome. Come as you are.

Advent Gathering: Save the Date! // Sunday, November 23rd at 4pm. All ages welcome! Come join us as we encourage one another in hope this Advent Season.

Volunteers Needed // We are in need of volunteers for the Christmas Eve Service. Please consider volunteering for one of the following: Usher, Bus driver and helper, Tech Team, Nursery and 5pm Communion Servers. If you are interested, please let Lori Lepard know at office@fpcholland.org or 616-392-9022.

Men's Book Group // Our next meeting will be on December 8 at 2:30pm. The book being discussed is *The Last Secret Agent* by Pippa LaTour. Future meetings scheduled are: January 12 discussing *Freezing Order* by Bill Browder and February 9 discussing *The President's Club* by Nancy Gibbs & Michael Duffy.

Presbyterian Women // Save the Date for Wednesday, December 10 at Noon when our Annual Soup Luncheon will take place. And...the basket is in the church entry by the elevator for our annual gifts of women's and children's underwear to RESILIENCE. Gifts must be new and unwrapped.

Habitat for Humanity // The next Habitat work day is scheduled for **December 11**. Future work date is Jan. 15. Questions can be directed to wehaines@icloud.com.

Escape Ministry Youth Work Teams // Escape's after-school Youth Work Teams are available throughout the season to assist with fall cleanup jobs, including leaf raking, debris removal, and more. The cost is about \$75 per hour for three students and an adult team leader. If you have someone in your congregation or community who is not able to afford a team but who needs the work done, your church can refer people that are in need, we'll do the job, and we can send you the invoice. Mark, who coordinates the teams, is available by e-mail at mark@escape-out.org or cell (616) 377-5914 to answer any of your questions. Otherwise, the easiest way to inquire is through their online form, <https://escape-out.org/hire/>

From the Outreach Council // Children's Advocacy Center is again looking for sponsors for their children for the holidays. Child sexual abuse has many adverse effects on a family

beyond trauma and physical harm, including a huge financial impact. Your sponsorship allows one less stressor on a family who is experiencing this devastation. **On November 16 & 23**, I will have the names of 20 children that need sponsors in the lobby at church. The child's wish list will have items in four categories: wear, read, want & need. You can choose just 1 or 2 categories or all four. Feel free to sponsor a child with a friend dividing the list as you wish. Suggested spending per child is \$150. There will also be a list of items needed for the Stocking Store. Gifts will need to be dropped off at CAC or back at the church by December 7th. If you are wanting to sponsor a child, but you won't be at the church those days, feel free to contact Janet Hostetler at 740-704-4822 or janethostetler@gmail.com.



CAC STOCKING STORE

Help the Children's Advocacy Center stock a "store" for parents and caregivers to "shop" for their children's stockings!

ITEMS NEEDED

Candy	\$5/\$10 gift cards
Socks	Headphones
Hair accessories	Keychains/Lanyards
Lotions	Small Playdough Kit
Chapstick	Small Kinetic Sand Kit
Makeup	Hot Wheels
Nail polish	Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Art supplies	Temporary tattoos
Jewelry	Small toys
Bath bombs	LEGO kits
Stickers	Slime kits
Fidget toys	Travel games
Cards	& more

Please deliver donations to the CAC prior to Dec. 05



If you would like to support the Stocking Store by making a monetary donation, click [here](#) or scan the QR code for our CAC Venmo.



Supporting Community Action House // With the government shut-down affecting SNAP, agencies such as CAH need us more than ever. Here are some ways you can help:



Help us #StockTheShelves!

Your donations keep our shelves stocked to provide healthy food, choice, and flexibility for our neighbors.

Please bring items to FPC.

Most Needed Items:

- dried beans (pinto or black)
- healthy cooking oil (olive oil, coconut oil, canola oil, grapeseed oil)
- red lentils
- broth
- whole wheat pasta
- gluten free pasta
- flour
- spices (salt, cinnamon, cumin, ginger, chili powder)
- corn masa
- basmati rice
- canned fruit in 100% juice
- tea or coffee
- canned coconut milk
- canned beans
- juice (low-sugar/no sugar added)
- ensure or protein drinks
- alternative nut butters
- unsalted nuts
- tampons & pads
- laundry detergent and dish soap
- baby wipes
- toothpaste

Low Sodium or Low Sugar items Preferred

Spread the word! Tag us on social media @communityactionhouse
Learn more at CommunityActionHouse.org

purchasing costs will rise. Businesses, schools, and faith groups can help keep our shelves stocked & costs down by collecting essential items.

•Spread the Word. We're looking for 50 Giving Tuesday Ambassadors who can commit to help spread the word about our work and impact during the upcoming giving season. This is our most critical time of year for fundraising, which sets us up for the year ahead.



Holiday Harmony // Come and enjoy the Grand Rapids Chorus of Sweet Adelines and the Great Lakes Chorus as they sing in the holiday season. Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 3:00pm. Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI. General admission \$20. Seniors and students \$15. Children 10 and under free. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.

•Give Generously. Even small gifts - \$5, \$10, or \$20 - help keep healthy meals within reach for families working hard to keep healthy food on the table. Every \$85 helps cover our monthly costs of serving one more family with the dignity they deserve.

•Volunteer. As we get busier, we'll need more volunteers to sort, stock, and help guests at Food Club. In particular, we urgently need to fill all of our Checkout Station, Warehouse, and Shopping Floor roles to ensure our shelves remain full and our guests are able to keep moving! We're already adding more November Food Club volunteer shifts, because moving more food will require more hands - please consider signing up for an extra shift or more this November, or invite a friend or family member to join alongside you!

•Host a Food Drive. As need grows, our food

Save the Date // The Women's Retreat is planned for Saturday, **February 28 at FPC**. Barb Schreur will be speaking. More details along with registration to come.

Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;
The na - tions will say, "God has done great things!"

our tongues they were loosed, loosed songs with of joy.
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

Re - store us, O God! Re - store us, O God!

Al-though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing

the seeds of your kin - dom, for the day you will reap them.

Your sheaves we will car - ry, Lord, please do not tar - ry

all those who sow weep-ing will go out with songs of joy.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

This musical score is for the hymn 'In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful', numbered 654. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is arranged for a four-part vocal choir, with two staves for the soprano and alto parts (treble clef) and two staves for the tenor and bass parts (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voice - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voice - es; the Lord is near.' The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are repeat signs and a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' in the soprano part. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voice - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voice - es; the Lord is near.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

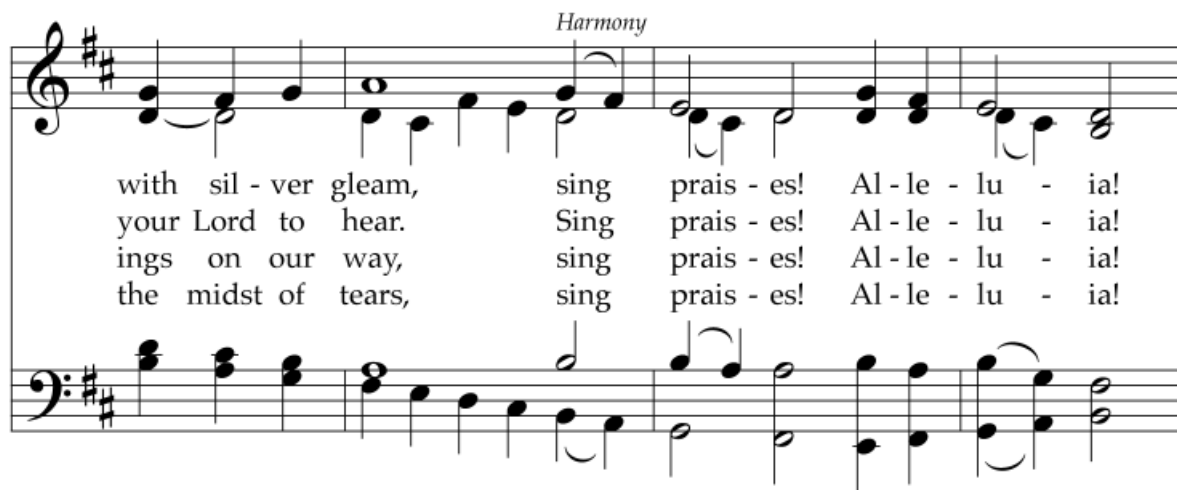
and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Harmony



with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Spirit of the Living God

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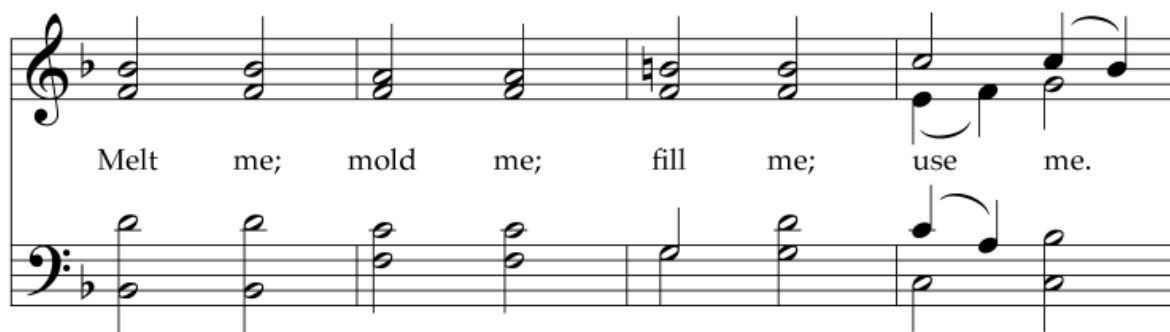
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line is primarily composed of chords. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third system of music features a change in the melody, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me."



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system of music returns to the initial melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me."

When God Restored Our Common Life

(Psalm 126)

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1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The
mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

The first system of the musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note chord of A4 and B4, then a quarter note chord of C5 and D5, and a quarter note chord of E5 and F#5. The bass staff begins with a quarter note G2, followed by a half note chord of A2 and B2, then a quarter note chord of C3 and D3, and a quarter note chord of E3 and F#3. Both staves feature triplet markings over the final three measures of the system.

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note chord of A4 and B4, followed by a quarter note chord of C5 and D5, and a quarter note chord of E5 and F#5. The bass staff has a half note chord of A2 and B2, followed by a quarter note chord of C3 and D3, and a quarter note chord of E3 and F#3. Both staves feature triplet markings over the final three measures of the system.

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a quarter note chord of A4 and B4, followed by a quarter note chord of C5 and D5, and a quarter note chord of E5 and F#5. The bass staff has a quarter note chord of A2 and B2, followed by a quarter note chord of C3 and D3, and a quarter note chord of E3 and F#3. Both staves feature triplet markings over the final three measures of the system.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
 We are dancing...
 We are praying...
 We are singing...

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!

(an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!

(my Lord,)

(an - y - time!)

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Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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FPC is a More Light congregation, celebrating the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ individuals in life, ministry and witness of the PC (USA) and in society. You are welcome here, and you are loved. Learn more at MLP.org